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Do not forget the meeting of classics in Grace Church May 10 to 13. The Classical Sunday School Convention will open Monday evening, May 10. Opening sermon of classics by Rev. Cecil Albright, Detroit, Mich., Tuesday evening, May 11. Classics will continue until Thursday afternoon. The Woman's Classical Missionary Society will meet Wednesday morning, May 12, and will continue until Thursday. The services on Wednesday evening will be in charge of the Missionary Society. Rev. Elmer H. Zangg, Sendai, Japan, will speak at this service.

At a recent meeting of the consistory an action was taken instructing the pastor to divide the city into sections and appoint committees for visitation and personal work. The following is a list of committees and sections: East of Calhoun street, south of the railroad, north to river, Frank Leikauf, S. D. Zeis, Mrs. Wilbert, Mrs. Bitner, Mrs. Bryant, Mrs. Kessler and Miss Maggie Haverly.

Lakeside—W. F. Close, Arthur Weiler, Geo. Shiffer, Perry Monn, Mrs. Wertman, Mrs. Waight.

Spy Run—J. W. Brewer, Albert Bos-tick, Ernest Close, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Mullen, Mrs. Knight, Mrs. Clippinger, Mrs. Adams.

Bloomington—Ray Deahl, Mr. Fritz, Mr. Hatcher, Mr. Fosler, Mrs. Snyder, Mrs. Straub, Mrs. Siebold.

West End of City—Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Gumper, Mrs. Geo. Hessert, Mrs. F. W. Hildebrand, Miss Felker.

South of the railroad, west of Calhoun street—Charles Masel, Miss Doerner, Mr. and Mrs. Quinn.

South of the railroad, east of Calhoun street—Harry Metzger, John Ruck, Mrs. Charles Rogers, Mrs. Gooley and Mrs. Ernest Payne.

These group committees can call to their assistance any other helpers they may need. The pastor wants to meet these committees for a conference at the close of the prayer meeting, Wednesday evening, April 21st.

The Prince of Peace Fund.

For the past six months the Reformed Church has been pushing a vigorous campaign to raise \$250,000 for foreign missions. \$132,000 of this amount is to be used to liquidate the present indebtedness of the board. The remainder to provide for some of the more urgent needs of the work in China and Japan. Every Reformed Church in the United States has been asked to do what it can toward this fund. Individual members of the church have been solicited as well as the churches and Sunday schools. A large number of personal gifts of \$500, and of \$1,000 have been made to the fund. Many others have given \$100, some \$50, and others smaller amounts. Grace Church has not made any special effort to raise money for this fund. The campaign closes May 1st. Our people know about the campaign and some have spoken to the pastor about the matter and want to contribute to the fund. We shall be glad to receive any personal contributions. We should have a number who will be willing to give ten or five dollars a piece. Some may want to give more. We are going to observe April 25th as the Prince of Peace Fund Day. The Sunday School offering will be for this fund. The offerings at both morning and evening service will be for this purpose. We hope to have a liberal offering. Let us help this fund along all we possibly can.

Easter Sunday was a great day for Grace Church. The Easter program for the Sunday School, at the Sunday School hour, was very good. The attendance was a record breaker. The offering for benevolence was \$23.93.

The attendance at the communion service was the largest in the history of the church. The weather was ideal and made it possible for the people to get out to the service, though many were detained on account of sickness. We were glad to see so many strangers at the service. The congregation greatly enjoyed the Easter music by the choir, especially the cantata, rendered in the evening, and the violin selections by Miss Georgiatta Bonelli. The choir is doing splendidly and is a great help to the services.

Accessions to the Church Since the Close of the Lyon Meetings.

February 28, by Reproffession.

Mr. and Mrs. Asbury Bunting, 2437 Oliver street.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Nyffler, 2340 Smith street.

Mrs. May Siebold, 727 W. Third street.

Mrs. William Burget, Charlotte avenue.

Mrs. Grace Shoda, 1126 St. Mary's avenue.

Mr. Perry Monn, 509 State street.

Mr. Andrew Thony, 732 Wallace street.

Mrs. Frank Pfeiffer, R. R. No. 7.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stapleton, 816 W. Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. John Smith, 804 W. Third street.

By Confirmation.

Mr. August Fritz, 826 W. Fourth street.

Mr. Charles Clark, 1001 Columbia avenue.

Miss Elsie Krantz, 519 E. Wayne street.

Miss Evelyn Pfeiffer, R. R. No. 7.

Miss Lucile Pfeiffer, R. R. No. 7.

Mr. Wayland Raquet, 1219 Michigan avenue.

Clarence Potts.

Baptism and Confirmation.

Mr. Burt Hatcher, 1445 Sherman street.

Mr. William Burgett, Charlotte avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. William Schafer, 1212 Orchard street.

Miss Lorene Pfeiffer, R. R. No. 7.

Mr. Ralph Pfeiffer, R. R. No. 7.

Miss Lulu Put, 116 Brackenridge street.

Mr. Frank Stapleton, 816 W. Washington.

Mrs. Perry Monn, 509 State street.

Mr. Oscar Deahl, 1231 Barthold street.

March 2nd—Mrs. Nussbaum by baptism and confession of faith.

March 7th—By Renewal of confession, Mr. George Sweet, R. R. No. 2.

Mr. Matthew Gooley, 1820 Weisser Park avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Adams, 1307 Spy Run avenue, by letter from the Presbyterian Church at St. Louis.

March 14th—By renewal of profession, Mrs. Ida Harris, 708 Taylor street; Miss Elizabeth Wenninghoff, 708 Taylor street.

Easter Sunday—By Confirmation ^{april}

Herbert Ruck, 1510 Hurd street.

Edwin Roeger, 731 Michael street.

Clayton Hetrick, 938 Columbia avenue.

Arthur Wedler, Baltes avenue.

Robert Wedler, Baltes avenue.

Donald Gooley, 1820 Weiser Park avenue.

Ralph Rogers, 2223 Lafayette street.

Adolph Pentz, R. R. No. 5.

James Smith, 1018 De Groff street.

Allen K. Smith, 1018 De Groff street.

Edward Siebold, 1130 St. Mary's avenue.

Lewellen Clippinger, 1309 Spy Run avenue.

Lewis Mathias, 1305 Spy Run avenue.

Mabel Weickart, 1216 Clark street.

Helen Brewer, 1301 Spy Run avenue.

Lavon Baum, 2708 Hanna street.

Anna Schlatter, 607 Riverside avenue.

Mrs. Myrtle Menser, 1825 St. Mary's avenue.

Miss Edith Bentz, R. R. No. 5.
Baptism and Confirmation.

Kenneth Campbell, 2410 N. Clinton.

Lloyd R. Schuler, 1333 Spy Run avenue.

Irene Shafer, 1212 Orchard street.
Renewal of Profession.

Mr. and Mrs. George W. Keller, 2333 N. Clinton street.

Mrs. Hanna Bentz, R. R. No. 5.

Mrs. Daisy Trautman, 830 Lavina street.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Westerick, R. R. No. 5, New Haven, Ind.

Mrs. V. E. Campbell, 2410 N. Clinton street, by letter from the First Reformed Church of Bluffton.

With a few exceptions the persons received by renewal of confession were not formerly members of Grace Church. They came to us from other denominations. Beside these renewals there are a dozen or more who renewed their covenant with the Lord during the meetings at the tabernacle, and have now taken their places again in the church and communed with us on Easter Sunday. With these renewals there have been over eighty accessions to the church since the close of the tabernacle meetings. We have the names of others who are coming into the church soon. We praise and bless the Lord for this harvest of souls. We extend a very cordial welcome to all these friends and we trust they will find a very pleasant church home among us. The Lord bless thee and keep thee, the Lord make His face to shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee. The Lord lift up His countenance upon thee and give thee peace.

BAPTISM OF CHILDREN

February 12—Velma Elizabeth, born October 17, 1913, and May Virginia, born January 2, 1915, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Monroe, 1347 Grant avenue.

February 28—Cyrus, born July 5, 1913, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ashbury Bunting, 2437 Oliver street.

March 8—Vernon Eugene, born April 20, 1913, son of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Harris, 708 Taylor street.

April 4—Wilma Catherine, born September 24, 1913, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Foster, 1113 St. Mary's avenue.

April 4—Irwin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stapleton, 816 W. Washington street.

April 4—Yolan, born February 21, 1915, daughter of Charles and Rebecca Nagy, 302 Beadell street. Yolan is one of our Hungarian babies from the Rolling Mill District.

PROGREDA CHAT

In making our bow to the readers of Grace Church Visitor, may we state that while we have been quiet and unassuming, we have by no means been inactive since our organization and are already able to perceive some fruits of our efforts. 'Tis said that a certain amount of egotism is essential to success and we feel justified in congratulating ourselves upon the newly awakened interest that has taken hold of our members. We are able to say that our's was the only class in Grace Reformed Sunday School that attended the Tabernacle meetings in a body and the inspiration received by our so doing we feel will be of lasting benefit. We were glad to welcome the new members who joined us at the close of the Tabernacle meetings and we are now engaged in a contest through which we hope to double our membership. This contest will close the last Sunday in April, after which, the losing side will banquet the winners.

The class will act as hostesses at the social hour following the vesper service at the Y. W. C. A. on April 25th. Let every member be present to take her part.

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Mr. and Mrs. Robinson have changed their place of residence and are now living at 1206 W. Jefferson street.

Mr. Wilberts have moved into their own home, at 1117 Monroe.

Mr. Gooley's are living at Weiser Park avenue, 1820.

Mrs. Waldo has been seriously ill for the past two weeks at her home, corner of Dawson and Harrison street. Her right side has been paralyzed, but is showing indications of improvement. The probabilities are that she will recover and be able to be about again.

Families that will entertain delegates to the meeting of classis, May 10-13, should report to the committee on entertainment at once. Report to Mrs. C. H. Gumpfer or the pastor. Lodging and breakfast are to be provided for the delegates. They get their dinners and suppers at restaurants.

We are indebted to the following brethren for the assistance they gave us during the Easter week services: Rev. H. B. Dufenback, of Bluffton; Mr. Nipper, of the Columbia street mission; Rev. Mr. Evans, of the Westminster Presbyterian Church. They all gave us splendid sermons and we appreciate their help.

Sunday School Notes.

Easter proved to be a day of inspiration for the Sunday School. The weather was fine and the attendance for which we had placed the goal at 200, was reported as 203, the largest we have ever had. There were others who came in later and were not reported. The mixed program given by the members of the school was enjoyed by all. Let us all work to keep up the enthusiasm.

It was gratifying to see the large number of young people from the Sun-

day School received into the church at our Easter service. This day will be remembered by these boys and girls as long as they live.

We should all be alert and on the lookout for new scholars; with a membership like our's taken from all parts of the city we should be able to get in a great many new members. Do not think that Sunday school is an institution only for children. That notion has long since been shattered and the Sunday schools now number whole families. Fathers, mothers and the children in their membership, that is what we are striving for. "Everybody in the Sunday School." Let us get to work and we should have many new scholars reported each Sunday.

Do not forget the Classical Sunday School Convention meets in our church May 10th and 11th. We cannot afford to miss these meetings when prominent Sunday School workers will be here to speak and discuss plans for effective Sunday School work.

The Agenda class will be entertained at the home of Robert Bitner, Thursday evening, April 22. A full attendance of the class is expected at this meeting.

At a meeting held for the election of Sunday School officers, W. F. Close was elected superintendent; Geo Shiffer, assistant; Evan Williams, treasurer; Daniel Copenhaver, secretary; Clarence Aiken, assistant.

The Men's Senior Bible Class held an enthusiastic meeting on Thursday evening, April 8. Officers were elected as follows: John Ruch, president; Perry Monn, vice-president; Ernest A. Close, secretary; Harry E. Metzger, treasurer. The office of teacher was not filled at this meeting. A constitution was adopted, which, besides naming the class, provides a slogan which is "Everlastingly At It." Men over twenty-five years of age, whether members of Grace church or not, are eligible to membership. Meetings will be held once a month for business and social affairs, and the annual elections will hereafter

be held in October. The constitution also provides for a number of standing committees, and these will be announced by the president at a later date. The dues were fixed at 10 cents per month.

Following the business meeting a committee composed of E. A. Close, H. E. Metzner and Perry Monn served a lunch, and during the progress of this feature of the evening Mr. Nipper gave a stirring talk on men's work. He brought out especially the great value of example, and made the point that the action of one man often influences the actions of many others. And so every man in the church is urged to join this class, not only for his own benefit (which will be great), but also for the sake of the brother who is only waiting for him to set the example. Yes, you are your brother's keeper!

If you hesitate to join because you can't attend regularly, you are assured that your presence will be appreciated on those Sundays when you can attend. There are a number of men connected with railroad and similar occupations who have already joined, and who will come when they can. That is what the class wants—every man to **come** when he **can**.

Sunday School Attendance and Offering on Easter Sunday—By Classes.

	Attendance	Offering
Primary Class	46	\$ 5.91
Wayside Gleaners	10	1.61
Agenda Class	27	2.80
Women's Bible Class ...	42	5.58
Progseeda	13	1.00
Miyai Girls	9	1.19
Miss Weickant's Class..	6	2.96
Mr. Williams' Class....	21	1.88
Men's Bible Class.....	22	1.00
Teachers and Officers, ..	11	
Total	203	\$23.93

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DEATH.

Mrs. Margaret Hine Blum departed this life Sunday, March 14, after an illness of several years. She was born in Germany, October 10, 1832. She was aged eighty-two years, 5 months and 4 days. She came with her parents to America when a small child. When the family first came to this country they located in Tuscarrawos County, Ohio, later the family went to Hocking County, Ohio, where Margaret was married to Martin Blum. About fifty years ago Mr. and Mrs. Blum came to Allen County, locating in St. Joe Township. Mr. Blum died April 13, 1903. Mrs. Blum united with the Grace Reformed Church May 24, 1885. She was a good mother, kind-hearted and lived a simple life of faith and trust in the Lord. As she advanced in life and her health and strength began to fail she became eager to go to her eternal home, where she might rest from the toils and cares of this life. There are surviving this mother three sons and one daughter, seventeen grand children and ten great grand children, five brothers and two sisters. The funeral services were held at the St. Joe Chapel Tuesday morning, March 16. Rev. T. J. Corey of Raymond, Ohio, a nephew of Mrs. Blum, assisted in the services. This mother had expressed the wish that her nephew might have a part in the service at her funeral. We were glad to have him with us, and we are sure every one appreciated his words of comfort and counsel.

Mrs. Nussbaum, who was received into the church March 2d, at the St. Joseph hospital, and Sunday, March 7th, was a great sufferer and was awaiting anxiously the call when she might go and be at rest. Mr. and Mrs. Charles cared for this woman for many months in her great affliction. On Tuesday morning, March 9th, the body was taken to Linwood cemetery, near Bluffton, for interment, accompanied by Mrs. Clark, Miss White, Rev. and Mrs. Zartman.

C. E. Topics and Leaders.

April.

18th—One Day in Seven for the Highest Things. (Sabbath Observance Meeting.) Ezek. 20: 1-20. Edith Shiffer.

25th—The Bible the World's Supreme Book. Dent 6:1-9. Elsie Weickart.

May.

2nd—Joys of the Christian Life. 1 Pet. 1: 3-12. (Consecration Meeting.) Esther Kessler.

9th—Why I am Proud of My Denomination. Rev. 3: 7-13. (Led by the pastor.)

16th—Why I Believe in Christian Endeavor. 2 Tin. 1: 1-14. President of society, Evan Williams.

23rd—Religious Reading: What and Why. Ps. 119: 129-136. Arthur Weiler.

30th—The Call of Foreign Missions for Money, Men and Prayers. (Missionary Com.)

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